

Dearest Mr. Chapman
All your interesting & ^{very} gratifying letters, as we feel sure, have been most
to us while pressed by so many conflicting claims. But
your words of love, nor your encouragements to us to
persevere in our aggressive warfare, nor your ^{last} additional
to our store of weapons, are wasted on us. They are
among our choicest treasures, forming as they do
one link in the chain of bright memories, imperish-
able joys & deepened affections, & newly discovered
mines of thought, & fresh rays of light to guide
our steps, & countless untold blessings besides, which
encircle ^{our late} that season of intercourse with you, ^{one} which
we cannot admit has in any actual sense been
brought to a close by your having exchanged our
sober dwelling for a distant residence ^{and} & gay
scenes. You are perpetually present with us stimu-
lating & guiding us in the work which grows upon
us with each fresh opening made by our assault.
It is the consciousness that we have your approba-
tion of the course we are taking, & that you
invariable ^{will so} defer rest upon us as to ^{guard} ^{from}
any important error, that inspires us with courage
to persevere now that your departure makes us
feel like Sampson chorn of his locks, & the dis-
proportion of our strength to ~~take~~ the numerous
advantages ~~was~~ opening for using it, makes us
eager for some more powerful & more practical
hands to wield with effect the weapons you

have sharpened for us. You see I am taking up your
metaphor in spite of my avowed hatred to poetic
descriptions of material conflicts; but like you
the warfare with New Organization is engrossing
all our energies & sets aside every other department
of Anti-slavery action; ^{so often} instead of dwelling on
all that was personally gratifying, humbling, &
suggestive in the sweet letters you have written,
I must plunge at once into the thick of the fight,
best time ~~the~~ fail for what is essential. First, you
will see from the Bristol papers that we have not
neglected our opportunity ^{to reverse ourselves} ~~as~~ poor Mr. Charleton
who must heartily wish he never had consented to take
the chair at that meeting! Mr. Webb has attacked him
in a letter wh^{ch} will appear this week, & we are so
taken with a little bit of Miss Weston's criticism

Charleton's effusion - (that defining the
relations of Mr. H. C. Wright & Mr. Wendell Phillips to
the cause,) that unless she see does any prohibition
we meditate giving the public the benefit of it, & alas
your definition of the position of the Quakers to
the Slavery question. People are stirred up now &
will read & think & which it is not always easy
to drive them to do, & everything we can squeeze
into the papers at this juncture has its effect. We
have had terrible ups & downs & a great breeze with
the Examiners & are still uncertain whether the
Sturge influence is not at work there defeating
our hopes. The Proprietor behaved shamefully to
poor Mr. Williamson turning him out of office
without any previous intimation, leaving him
destitute of all employment or resources, ^{obliged} to look out
for some congregation to preach to, or anything else.

that may offer, while his heart is overflowing with
ardor to be instrumental in the diffusion of liberal
sentiments & such principles & in forwarding all
objects nearest these aims, & his great ambition is
to do it thro' the press. Then his successor at the
Examiner proved a very surly unhelpful person
to deal with, & when my Father took the letter to
Mr Charlton which we had been scrambling as hard
as possible to get ready by the time appointed (having
his spoken space for a ^{short} reply to Mr C.) he refused to
insert it on account of its length. Upon this my
Father deemed it expedient to make a bustle,
not liking to lose our field for combatting on,
without a struggle, so he wrote a cor. plain^t of
his treatment to Mr Robinson, ^(the Proprietor) intimating that
it might be disadvantageous to the paper, &
then went about "telling the world" of the treatment
Mr Williamsoe had met with, & his ^{enquiries} own, & getting
the Mercury (the Examiner's rival) to take up
the theme & give insertion to a letter from Mr
Webb which had come to hand, & was addressed
to the Examiner. All this commotion put Mr.
Robinson in a panic & extorted from him a
most apologetic letter which my Father ^{in the midst} was
answering, telling him his whole mind about the
policy he was pursuing, & the reasons why it might
be a good speculation to become in part an Anti-
slavery organ; &c, when the insolent Editor was
withered in, converted into the most abashed
supplicant for forgiveness, & full of explanations
amounting to nothing, & petitioning for leave
to put in the letter which had caused the agitation

& to be allowed to get slips of Mr Webb's from the
Mercury for the same purpose, I think it a great
a great favor if my Father could do so. ^{as far as possible}
little space of time we shall have a hot war but
whether there is a greater grasp upon it we have
yet to discover, I think the offer of that criticism
of yours on the Soc^y of Friends will test it. Your
in it that my Father in the hurry of preparing his
reply to W.C. omitted ^{the Society} called upon some of our
members to redeem ~~the~~ the republic. W.C.
had cash on it. We will not of course give the
parties names to w^h you refer, but I will give the
extract as from a private letter, if you prefer its
not being so employed you will let us know
the course of a few days I am sure. You will see
that our Ladies Com^e is not asleep, & as the "North
Advertiser" contains our resolution of sympathy
with you & the Am. Soc^y endorsed by W.C. &
the letters of Miss. Hargreaves & Thompson in the
same paper I hope Mr Garrison will begin to
breathe more freely about his new transatlan-
tically. Our more solemn Committee work which
on I think prosperously. My bills & indictments
against the B. & F^o word canvasser, & each of the
I charges under w^h our grounds of separation
were closed was reluctantly accepted & with it
the misfeigning which ^{you have} imposed upon our Members
you had bequeathed to us, of removing the barrier
which still with-holds English sympathy from
the Slaves true friends. The document was
undergo revision & verbal alterations & to be
forward for a decision in a fortnight, & when
the Com^e's courage will not have cooled or any
change in the attending ^{attending} Members, ~~defeat~~ our cause.

There were no quakers present last time except old ha
venerals who did not go deeply into the merits of the
question, but thought it rounded as if they had been
doing a great many bad things in Broad St. that
ought to be put a stop to! There were half a dozen
others who were very unanimous in whose con-
victions of the duty of our sending out our decision
into grounds to the public deepened with a closer
examination to. I have hopes of them. Miss Matthews
talked a good deal of nonsense about keeping our
good names with all parties "being" connected with
none; not finding fault with those who differed
from us &c. but she brought down the indignation
of the house upon her compromising suggestion
of separating from the B. & F. without saying
why. I was constrained to shower a few Scriptural
quotations about serving God & Mammon, holding
fellowships with the workers of iniquity, upon her,
but her "peace principles" prevented her taking
offence at her proposition's being scouted. I
have sent the list of charges to Mr Webb & Mr Thompson
to get their help in rendering it as efficacious
& as unassailable as possible. In the later point
I think there is no risk, as nearly every word is
quoted from some printed statement, or can
be verified by references too easily to provoke a
call for them. I longed for you to help me, but I
felt oppressed by my insufficiency for the office
devolving on me. But there was no time for bemoaning
what was not, so I had to make the best of it. My Father
was so busy with his letter to Mr Charleston (with the
Institution Soiree prevented his commencing till
Tuesday) that he could not give any attention to my

branch of the enterprise, & then there is Miss Tribe's
post as Secretary to be filled, & all the people to write
to them can help spread our agitation, & the others who
have long been impatiently expecting answers, &
innumerable domestic & social claims that had
been slipping back while we were enjoying your
society, in addition to these engagements, the
Bazaar contributions pouring in, & having to be
arranged. They have been exhibited to-day in A. Thomas's
dining room & are agreed to be the most elegant
& saleable assortment that we have ever collected,
& quite as valuable as any former one. My post
has been there ^{chiefly} ~~partially~~ to-day, as an opening frequently
occurs for indoctrinating ^{the} spectators, & at this crisis
I catch at all channels for thrusting my Father's
Reply to the Nurses on everyone's attention. Thank
Miss Weston for the offer of her copies, but ours are not
exhausted yet, & thank her too for sending a Glasgow
report which shall be put in circulation. I have a few
copies which are constantly turned to account. Mr
Charlton himself is not worth waiting on; a man
who declares he cannot reach Unitarians on a school
Committee because of the bad effect it will have on
the children to see him shaking hands with such
infidels, & who can quote that old "Nurses" story many as
will be left to himself in his private capacity, & only
checked publicly in his mischief making. You will
have seen L. Tappan's letter in the Examiner; that
aggravating man will not I think do much da-
mage among your pupils, for they see the loathsomeness
of his tone & the hollowness of his pretensions; and it
will be some recompense to Miss Weston & you for
the tedious narrations you were called on to reiterate
& often, to learn that you have brought these
pupils to such a point of enlightenment, that
L. Tappan goes among them by the designation

of "the man that took the money": Don't you
consider this a stronghold? Some people however
are afraid their less informed friends will be deluded
by his pretensions & his suavity, & renew the desire
to have your testimony in a form that they can avail
themselves of, & an application from the Com^{tee} to
you is ~~in~~ contemplated for a refutation of his
assertions. That the Am. & For. has refrained from
all collision with the old Soc^y, & had no unkindness
towards its old associates, tho' decorously & truthfully
stating the reasons of withdrawal on fit occasions.
& That the separation took place for divers reasons,
among them the manner in wh^{ch} women were
brought forward. If there is time to get this application
drawn up in form before I close this it shall be
sent at once but if not shall soon follow, I mean
you will be able to decide whether to comply with
it. We shall be very thankful for such a statement
as the Examiners could be induced to publish.
The application will consist in quoting these two
passages from L. J.'s letter saying that as they are
at variance with ^{circumstances which} ~~the~~ facts you stated to us as
having fallen under your own observation, we should
be greatly obliged by yr. giving us in writing such facts
as will enable the public to judge of L. J.'s ^{little Am. & For. Soc^y} relations to
the A. S. cause. If you have no objection to answering
the call pray do not think it needful to wait for
its being now formally sent, for as I am left alone
to attend to all these manifold departments of
the Cause (which if we had 4 secretaries might
be filled with some degree of satisfaction to ourselves)
hinderances to my writing may arise. My Father
goes to Brighton on Thursday, & means to take
Sunday A.S. documents to various people in London.

He thinks of seeing Mr. Gault, & Chas. Gilpin, & has written to Mr. Forester to know about Mr. Thompson. Hapworth is to be ~~in~~ London we hear this week, & Mr. Armstrong hopes to see him. It means to supply him with a few documents to study on his voyage. We are to send any that occur to us as suitable to C. Gilpin's for him, by the beginning of next week. I mention it in case you may have anything of writing (w^h I once heard y^e family discussing with you the desirableness of). You will excuse this disappointed letter. I am sure when you know it is written amid Bazaar affairs, added to the other things I have touched upon. It is no slight self-denial not to respond to every portion of your letters, & to enter into details of our personal history since you left us, ^{in writing} w^h we have, but a passing interest, but on which one always loves to enlarge to those with whom we have recently held sweet converse, & with whom we have been sharing everything that concerns us or them. It is most refreshing to have your assurance that while reaping so much benefit & enjoyment from your presence we were enabled in any degree to conduce to your personal comfort or to cheer you by our sympathy in the things that are nearest to your heart. You speak of adding to your own responsibility by seeing our lives, you little know how heavily you make us feel that which devolves on us - the duty of being all that your affectionate construction of our acts & ~~dis~~ intents has led you to presume we are. I can only account for your overlooking in me the defects of judgement which often lead astray, & that unextinguished self-love which I am ^{constantly} conscious of ^{the} nursing.

for to the cause, And had you been witness to my early
regrets ~~of that~~ at night ~~the~~
~~hopeless, weary~~ ^{to} have a hand in disarming the
traitor, which I followed you in your struggles & fought
your battles over again in sympathizing flowerless night,
you would conceive the amazed thankfulness with
which I have been, during our twelve months' intercourse,
contemplating myself as actually in a position, in
this remote corner, to do something more than
offer you God speed, towards helping forward the war
of extermination, & ^{being} could really permitted to offer
you ~~any~~ gleams of encouragement in ~~your~~ ^{your} and
conflict by placing at your disposal the limited
powers I could command. How it ever came about
is one of those mysterious trains of causes & effects
that remain unscrutinized, but without tracing
it out I am willing to accept in good faith of your
testimony ^{to the fact} of the full happiness conveyed by it, as well as
all that has come incidentally in its course of a more
personal nature.

Thursday. Oct 9. In spite of my struggles to get this off I could not
touch it yesterday, in consequence of the Bazaar exhibition
the preparation of notices of it for the papers, & the starting
off my Father for Brighton. You will I know have faith when
you do not hear from us that our silence is caused by our
being engaged in work which unites ^{with you} as few spirits. There
was not much scope for "doing business" during the display
of the Contributions, for all the Quakers except Mr. Ellis & an
acquaintance avoided us, both of the ~~three~~ ^{and} visiting
~~many~~ ^{few} were uninformed of the object of the Bazaar, &
very few ^{still} interested in the quarrel going on. Those
who had read Mr. Charles's letter were angry with him
warmly commended my Father's reply. I wish you I had
seen two notes which Mr. Faulder showed me, one from Mr. Charles
& the other from Mr. Eaton extending themselves for not meeting
you, on the ground of Mr. C. Wright's blasphemy, the other
because Mr. G. Thompson had been so unconscionable & unfair
to the Quakers. A packet addressed to you came by post to-day looking
so like a pamphlet, as a kind intended for the Liberty Bell, that I send it

more or less
necessarily nearly all any undertakings, by supposing
that regard for honest intentions, & earnest aspi-
rations, joined to the common tie which binds us
to you, prevents your forming the impartial estimate
of my character or capacities which you so discerningly
apply to other cases. Your love however is too
precious a possession for me to labor with any
great energy to convince you of the false pretences
under which it has been obtained; & I can only pro-
mised to be stimulated by it & by your example
^{in which} ways I cannot here enumerate ~~but which~~
are hourly influencing me) to deserve it better.
You could only understand how much I prize it & how
the close personal relations into which we are now
brought with you, if I could make you conscious of
the grateful affection which you inspired me with
from the time you first introduced me to the real
nature & full scope of the enterprise with which you were
associated, & had if I could describe the thrill of delight ^{it gave}
me to have ^{with me} removed ^{from} awakened by your mode of presenting
& applying ^{the} principles dear to me in their wisest & improv-
ed form & you touching or so seldom made to vibrate by
any impulse from without, & filling up a certain want
which all ^{general} ~~human~~ objects of philanthropy failed
ordinarily conducted) to satisfy. But I find I
must either grow sentimental or verbose, or trust
to your wondrous perceptive power to disentangle
my confused expression of ideas ^{which} ~~which~~ easily described,
to comprehend from this unsuccessful attempt at
developing them how thoroughly your early educa-
tion imbued me with a comprehensive Antislavery
 creed, embracing as its prominent characteristic
an Anti-Slavery Organization ^{was} ~~which~~ has augmented
clearly with each proof of ^{my} ~~this~~ being the most wisest & ^{most} ~~best~~